GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP CONSUMERS COURTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have allocated funds for setting up of consumer courts in the State;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether the State Governments diverted funds meant for this purpose or have not utilized it properly;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a) to (e): Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum are to be established by the State Governments. The proper functioning of these agencies is, therefore, the responsibility of the State Governments. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments/UT Administrations, the Central Government provided One-Time Grant of Rs. 61.80 crores to strengthen the infrastructure of the consumer disputes redressal agencies. Some of the States/UTs have fully utilized the grant for the purpose for which it has been given. The utilisation of the fund by other States/UTs is still in progress. The States/UTs have been advised to utilize the funds strictly for the purpose for which it has been provided.